

TO : Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Attention: Mr. S.J. Papich

FROM : Deputy Director, Plans

SUBJECT: Thomas R. RUDEL

1. Reference is made to our report of 6 April 1951, subject "Formation of a New Armaments Corporation in West Germany", our CS-33681, in which it was reported that Friedrich Flick of Dusseldorf, in an attempt to reestablish himself in a commanding position in the German armaments industry, was said to have combined forces with Subject, president of the Rudel Machinery Corporation, 100 East 42nd Street, New York City, to form a new German armament corporation. One of the reported participants in this venture was said to be one (fmr) LANG, general manager of ESTABLICH, Dusseldorf, a firm apparently well known for its commercial contacts with the Soviet Orbit.

2. For your information, one Hans Ulrich RUDEL, a former Luftwaffe Colonel who is one of the leaders of the neo-Nazi movement and who divides his time between Germany and Argentina, has been an advisor of President PERON. He now makes his official residence in Argentina. Hans RUDEL is also associated with two firms allegedly dealing with the Soviet Bloc in strategic commodities: KETELMAN HERMANOS, of Buenos Aires and H.S. LUCHT A.O., Dusseldorf. He maintains close connections with Werner KAUFMANN, who, prior to his arrest by the British for conspiring to overthrow the West German Government, was an official of the LUCHT COMPANY, and Otto SKORZENY, the rescuer of MUSSOLINI, who is the LUCHT COMPANY representative in Madrid and who appears to have been involved in the smuggling of nickel out of Spain for eventual Soviet Bloc destination.

3. It is requested that you furnish any information in your files on Subject, particularly any information that would indicate that Subject and Hans Ulrich RUDEL are connected in any way, either by blood relationship or by commercial alliance. We are further interested in any information in your possession connecting Subject with any of the above-named firms or individuals. In the event that such connection exists, this Agency can furnish you with further information on the firms and individuals involved.

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